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Ms. Renata Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to encourage the Department of Justice to approve the settlement agreement in the case of United States v. Microsoft. As a businessman and a taxpayer, I feel it is time to stop the long legal battle between competitors and to allow one of our nation's most innovative technology companies to get on with the job of providing all segments of our economy the opportunity to run more efficiently.

The proposed settlement is reasonable and it is tough on Microsoft and it seems to be a fair outcome to the issues involved in this case. I hope that the Court will approve the proposed settlement between Microsoft, its various plaintiffs and the federal government.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Thompson